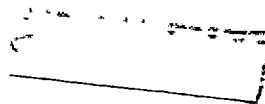


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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:

As seniors, we live on a fixed income. Several months ago there was a newspaper article stating that Duke Energy was going to request an increase to help pay for the coal ash clean-ups. This is ludicrous...they created the problem by not doing the clean-up properly and on a timely, continuing basis. They should be held accountable for their mess! Not only that, they continue to pay exorbitant salaries to their CEO and other executives.

If we had a choice in our provider, we would go with York Electric Co-Op/Touchstone Energy. We have a relative who is with York Co-Op and is very happy with their service. We are in the county and are actually closer to York, SC than to Rock Hill. If and when we relocate within York County, having York Co-Op as our provider would be high on our priority list.

We realize that Duke is probably hoping to get half of their increase request, but that is still too much. Please say "no" to this ridiculous request!!

Sincerely,
John Garnett